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1. In the southern part of Ventspils harbor, at the point where, in March 1982, [redacted] three submarines, there were two submarines, the bows of which faced east. The smaller of the two submarines was tied up along the harbor bank and had a gun mounted on its turret. The larger submarine, [redacted] stood alongside the [redacted]

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2. About 250 meters east of the submarines, nine identical ships rode at anchor in groups of three; all stood parallel to the harbor bank, and their bows faced east. Only the port side of those ships [redacted] could be observed. [redacted]

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Each ship appeared to be about 40 meters in length and carried the following armament:

- a. One gun forward, mounted in an armored shelter, with a caliber approximately that of a field artillery piece.
- b. One heavy antiaircraft machine gun (this may possibly have been a small antiaircraft cannon), on the forward deck of the pilot house.
- c. Three antiaircraft cannons, mounted at various heights on the after deck.

A slip for dropping mines was located at the stern; all ships were loaded with many mines, both covered and uncovered. Informant believes that these ships may have been among those which he described as trawlers in another report<sup>1</sup> on this same subject. A sketch of one of these ships is attached (see figure 2).

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3. Among about thirty trawlers of various kinds [REDACTED] in  
25X1 Ventspils harbor, [REDACTED] four identical ships [REDACTED]  
25X1 [REDACTED] These ships ap-  
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25X1 cannons, of a caliber smaller than that of a field artillery piece; one cannon  
25X1 was located forward, and one aft of the pilot house. A slip for dropping mines,  
smaller than those mounted on the ships described in paragraph 2 above, was  
25X1 mounted on the stern. [REDACTED] the entire comp-  
25X1 lement of the crew gathered on one ship; [REDACTED] there were about  
twenty men. A sketch of one of these ships is attached (see figure 3).

4. About fifteen other trawlers were located at various parts of the harbor.

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5. As reported earlier,<sup>1</sup> the entrance to Ventspils harbor is mined. The  
channel that must be followed by ships entering the harbor is marked by buoys.  
As indicated on the attached sketch (see figure 4), this channel follows the  
coast line for about four miles, and then goes in a westerly direction; the  
channel ends at the point at sea where the first two buoys are located. At a  
speed of ten miles per hour, informant's ship took three and a half hours to  
cover the distance through this channel from Ventspils harbor to the above-  
25X1 mentioned buoys.

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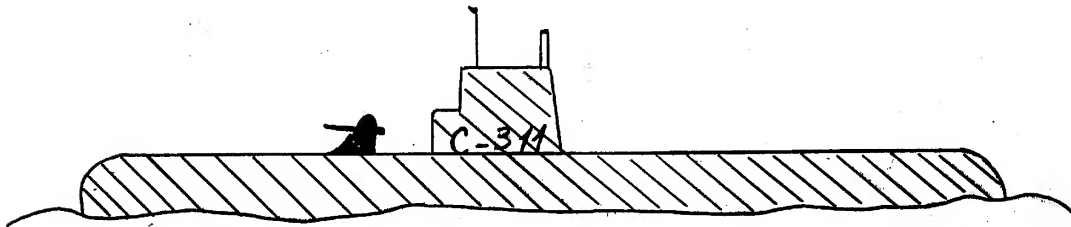


Figure 1. Sketch of Soviet submarine S-311

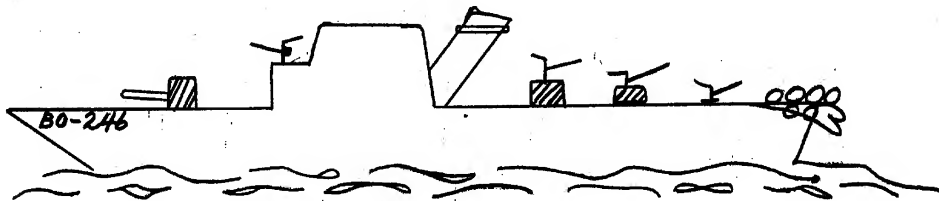


Figure 2. Sketch of Soviet submarine chaser BO-246

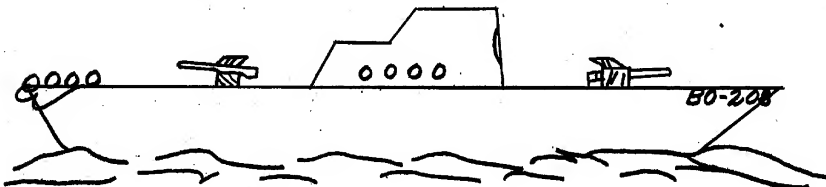


Figure 3. Sketch of Soviet fast motorboat BO-208

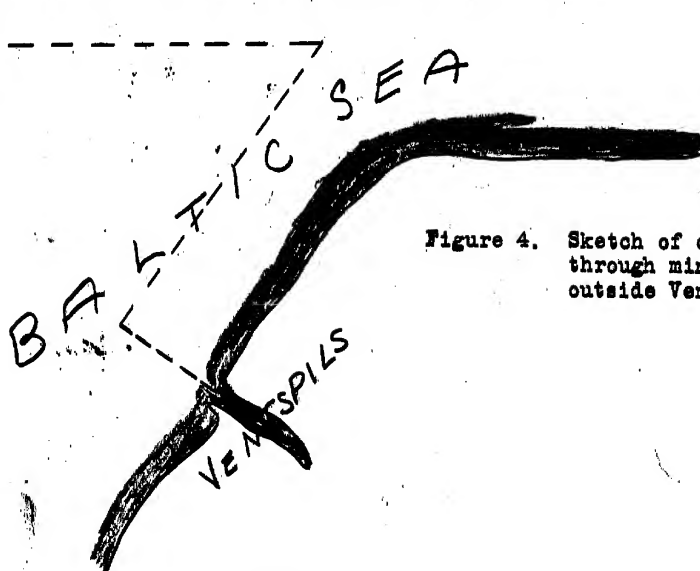


Figure 4. Sketch of channel through mine field outside Ventspils.

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